

Listen to the dialogue between Michelle and Valdo about tipping in the United States vs. in Brazil. What sound does the “r” have at different positions in a word? Fill in the chart below as you listen to the dialogue several more times.

	Double rr, and at the beginning of words	Single r in between two vowels, or at following another consonant at the beginning of a syllable	Single r at the end of a syllable before a consonant, and at the end of a word
Michelle			
Valdo			

Now compare your answers with the explanation on page 3 of the dialogue transcript, and the explanation in the podcast between 8:43 and 10:49. Are there any differences between your observations and the podcasters’ explanation?

Listen to five speakers from São Paulo state pronounce the word “porta” in the YouTube clip your teacher shows you. Which ones sound like Michelle, and which ones sound like Valdo?

Speaker 1:

Speaker 2:

Speaker 3:

Speaker 4:

Speaker 5:

Advanced speakers: Michelle’s accent is said to be “caipira,” translated in the podcast as “hillbilly.” Do you think that there may be a social stigma with certain Brazilian accents? Your teacher will play a clip from a YouTube video of a man doing impressions of different Paulista accents. Do any seem especially funny to the audience? Why would that be?